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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. 15 cited references; and
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicants bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the above-referenced application:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,394,972B1, issued May 28, 2002 to Slishman;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,110,135, issued August 29, 2000 to Madow et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,916,185, issued June 29, 1999 to Chitwood;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,906,586, issued May 25, 1999 to Graham;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,807,298, issued September 15, 1998 to Palumbo;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,730,710, issued March 24, 1998 to Eichhorn et al.;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,558,627, issued September 24, 1996 to Singer et al.;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,527,267, issued June 18, 1996 to Billotti;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,419,757, issued May 30, 1995 to Daneshvar;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,288,286, issued February 22, 1994 to Davis et al.;
11. U.S. Patent No. 4,982,745, issued January 8, 1991 to Shields;
12. U.S. Patent No. 891,181, issued June 16, 1908 to Mitchell;
13. U.S. Pat. App. No. US 2002/0052568A1, dated May 2, 2002 by Houser et al.;
14. U.S. Pat. App. No. US 2002/0035342A1, dated March 21, 2002 by Williams;
15. PCT Pat. App. No. WO 94/20049, dated September 15, 1994 by O'Keeffe.

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

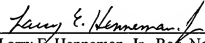
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To Applicant's knowledge, a first office action on the merits has not yet been mailed in this application. Therefore, no fee is due. 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

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	AA	6,394,972 B1	May 28, 2002	Slisman	602	32
	AB	6,110,135	August 29, 2000	Madow et al.	602	20
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	AJ	5,288,286	February 22, 1994	Davis et al.	602	6
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	BA	WO 94/20049	September 15, 1994	O'Keefe	A61F	5/10		

## OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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